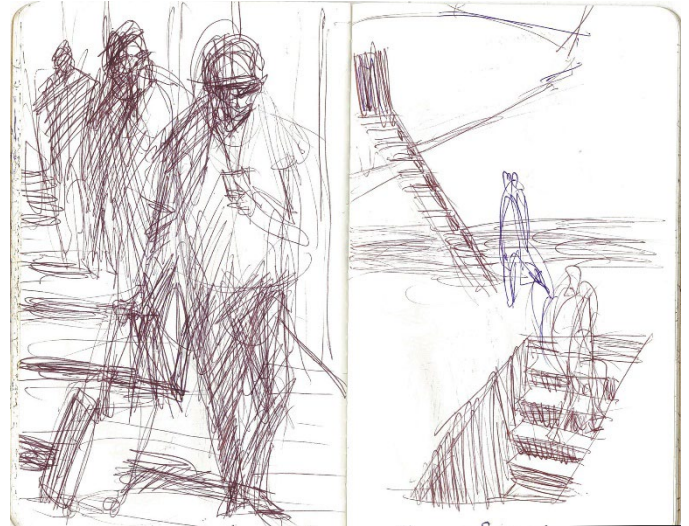


Artist **EUAN MACLEOD**



Family under umbrella, 2017 acrylic on paper, 38 x 58 cm



Pages from sketchbook, each page 21 x 13 cm

Information from the artist

These paintings can be an end in themselves or can be used to develop further.

With en plain air I really do use what's in front of me rather than think about 'finished' paintings.

They really are about enjoying myself.

About Euan Macleod

Euan Macleod was born in Christchurch, New Zealand and in 1979 he attained a Diploma of Fine Arts (Painting). He moved to Sydney in 1981, and still lives and works in Sydney. He was a lecturer in painting at the National Art School from 1997 to 2008. A regular feature of Macleod's work is the figure in various environments, revealing the exterior world we see, as well as the interior world of the artist, subject and viewer. The figure is often not a specific person, but an everyperson - a symbolic representation of humanity. His interest in the formal qualities of painting, with his colourful, layered, textured use of paint, has become a consistent feature of his work. Macleod works regularly in the studio but also spends much time working en plein air in many locations.

Key concepts: en plein air: (French) 'in the open air. '; symbolic representation; expressive, painterly approach

Study

Look at the two works above and discuss what can you learn about the artmaking practice of Euan Macleod? Specifically refer to his materials, techniques, and approach to subject matter.

For more information refer to the following websites: <https://www.euanmacleod.com/> and video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MbdDyWjFo4&t=2s>

Artmaking

Choose an everyday activity in your life and follow traditional plein air practices to complete a painting and/or drawings.

Have the subject in full view, look at the sky, look at the ground, notice colours; what is in the distance; what is near; what is your angle of view or perspective;

Sketch the work and consider the composition and light, mood and movement.

Work quickly – complete the work in one sitting.